Setting up of colour picture tube project in Andhra Pradesh

1624. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a letter of intent for establishment of Colour Picture Tube (CPT) Project in Andhra Pradesh was issued as in 1985 and thereafter the Andhra Pradesh Electronic Development Corporation (APEDC) have applied for foreign collaboration in 1986 with latest technology of Philips Ltd.

(b) whether this application for foreign collaboration was pending since last 12 months in spite of details feasibility study, identification of land, water and power and other infrastructural facilities; and

(c) if so, by when the clearance for foreign collaboration and capital goods clearance for the project on colour picture tube manufacture in Andhra Pradesh is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The question of creating further capacity in the field of Colour Picture Tubes is under review and a final decision has not been taken. Consequently, the Foreign Collaboration and Capital Goods applications of M/s Andhra Pradesh Electronic Development Corporation are pending.

U.S. Anti-submarine weapons for Pakistan.

1625. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem published in the 'Times of India' dated 24th February, 1988 to the effect that Pakistan is seeking anti-submarine weapons from U.S. to hunt the Soviet supplied Nuclear Submarines to India and Pakistan want the sophisticated Naval and Air Force weapons system for use against India; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the deal and what measure Government have taken to counter the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information available with Government, the US Government not taken a final decision regarding the type of weapons to be provided to Pakistan under the second US aid package. Our concerns regarding the Pakistani quest for sophisticated US weapons far beyond its legitimate defence requirements have been conveyed to both the USA and Pakistan from time to time. Government keep under constant review all developments having a bearing on the country's security and take appropriate counter measures to maintain defence preparedness.

Mandays of work created through Anti Poverty Programme

1626. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mandays of work created during the three years of Seventh Five Year Plan as a result of the implementation of N.R.E.P., R.L.E.G.P. and I.R.D.P. programmes;

(b) what are the details thereof, Statewise; and

(c) the extent to which the targets of creation of employment opportunities have been kept up through these programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (c) While the wage employment programmes like National Rural Employment Programme (NREP) and Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme (RLEGP) aim to provide supplementary employment opportunities, the Integrated